Norris Dam

Sustainability Features

Eco Efforts

The Park recycles aluminum and plastic at various locations throughout the park. The office staff recycles paper. Norris Dam is using energy efficient lighting at various locations throughout the park.

Biological/Ecological

The park is located on the shores of Norris Lake. This lake is important because of the fishing and boating opportunities. The lake also provides a home to numerous wintering waterfowl.

Historical Significance

Norris Lake was the first project by the TVA. The park also has The Lenoir Museum Cultural Complex. The complex includes the Lenoir Pioneer Museum, an 18th Century Rice Grist Mill, and Crosby Threshing Barn. Exhibits also include Appalachian artifacts, a pre-dam pictorial account of the area submerged by the lake. The Museum has at times been referred to as a 'mini-Smithsonian'.

Community Involvement

The Spring Heritage Festival is held annually, the second week-end of June. Artists and craftsmen from around the region demonstrate their crafts and sell their wares like paintings, woodwork, ceramics, quilts, and jewelry. Many other activities such as music, nature presentations, cultural demonstrations, museum tours and nature games are offered on this weekend.

Park Highlights

- Located in Campbell County
- Visited by over 60,000 people in 2011
- Numerous miles of hiking trails
- Park rents pontoon boats to the public



